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## "WENT TO THE CLUB"

last night and what do you think—DIDN'T GET THERE UNTIL NINE O'CLOCK BECAUSE MY LAUNDRY HADN'T COME! Hasn't this often happened to you, reader? Good-bye to that even temper of yours when such a thing occurs.

We've told you before that promptness in delivering orders was one of our hobbies and, too, that our drivers were very particular to "be there" just when you expect them. Try us and you won't be an hour late at the Club the NEXT TIME.

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## STREET RAILWAY HEARING. SPECIAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that upon the petition of the West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Broadway, from the dividing line between Arlington and the City of Somerville, to and connecting with the Company's tracks on Massachusetts avenue, with curves into said last-named tracks, and an additional cross-over near the point of connection, with all necessary curves, cross-overs and connections; also for leave to construct, maintain and use a double track on Medford street, beginning with the Company's tracks on Massachusetts avenue, with necessary curves and connections at that point, and thence extending on said Medford street to the Medford line, with all necessary curves cross-overs and connections; also upon the petition in the alternative as to said Medford street, as follows:—namely, that said company have leave to construct, maintain and use a track in part double and in part a single track, with turnouts, on said Medford street, beginning at and connecting with the Company's tracks on Massachusetts avenue, and thence extending on said Medford street to said Medford line, with all necessary curves, cross-overs and connections on said street and avenue, all substantially as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated January 24, 1900, on file in the Town Clerk's office. A hearing will be granted on the above petition to all interested parties, on MONDAY evening, February 13, 1900, at eight o'clock, in the Town Hall, Arlington.

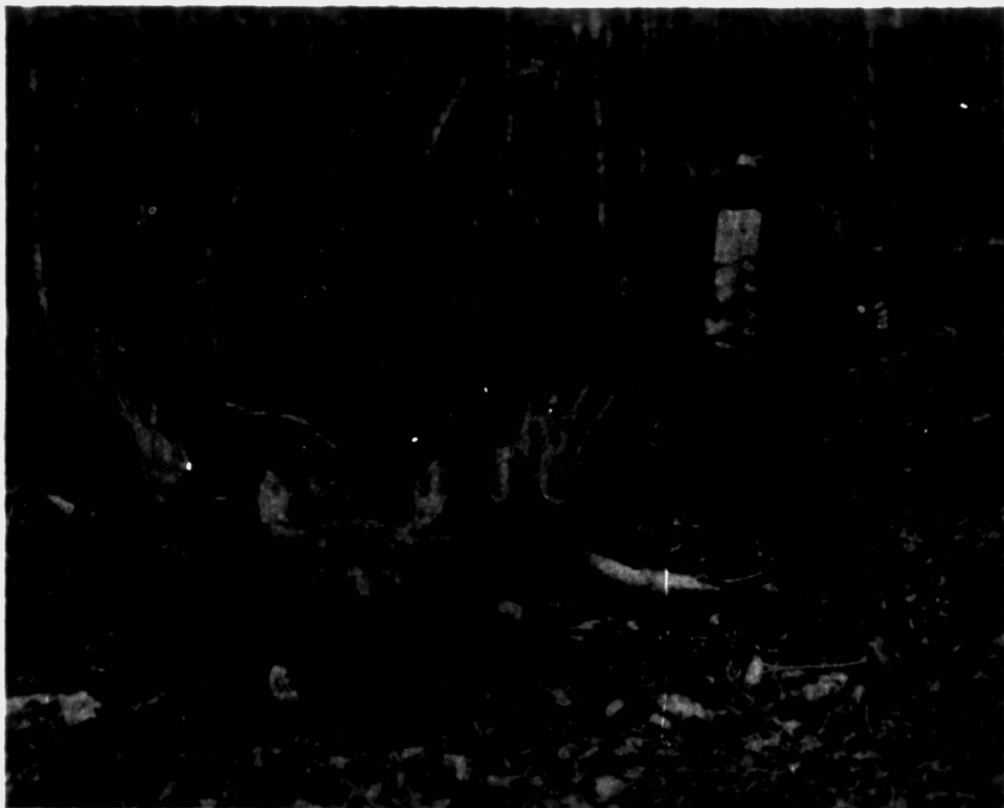
EDWIN S. FARMER,  
GEORGE L. DOE,  
WALTER CROSBY,  
Selectmen of the Town of Arlington.

## A Pop Concert

Will be given in the  
Town Hall, Arlington,  
Saturday, Feb. 10, '00,  
from 8 to 10.15, under the  
management of the  
Clover Leaf-a-Hand Club.

A program of popular music, including Transcendental and Celtic songs will be given by an orchestra, under the direction of Louis Paine. Light refreshments and tickets will be sold during the concert.  
Admission 25c. Reserved Seats 10c. extra.

## FISH AND GAME CLUB BANQUET



"BIG TIM," ONE OF THE TROPHIES.

### Arlington Sportsmen Meet.

Open handed hospitality, the utmost cordiality and a considerable degree of hilarity characterized the fourth annual banquet of Menotomy Fish and Game Club, given in Menotomy Hall, last Tuesday evening. The size of the meeting place of this event is invariably the limit of attendance, the rather small membership having a wide circle of warm personal friends. On this occasion ninety-six plates were set, requiring every available foot of space. The front hall, now leased to the Veteran Firemen's Assoc'n, was used for the banquet and here caterer N. J. Hardy had set, in his most artistic manner, a table service and adornment that was highly pleasing to the eye and his "Me & U" was as satisfactory to the palate.

After the dinner, Prest. Hardy called to order and cordially welcomed the guests, all the adjoining cities and towns being represented. He spoke briefly, intimating that better things than listening to speeches, however good they might be, were in store for the company, and the gentlemen he then introduced as speakers took the hint and were as brief as the president. These were Selectmen George I. Doe and Edwin S. Farmer, A. S. Harriman, Dr. Lowe and Walter B. Farmer.

The company then repaired to "Menotomy Hall," which was found to be quite a sportsman's paradise, as far as trophies of the hunt go. Moose, caribou and deer heads; bear, deer and fox skins; implements used by hunters, etc., adorned the walls, interspersed with numerous pictures of hunting scenes. In one end was a veritable "camp," with its out-door fire and kettle above, and in fact everything one looked upon was suggestive of the purpose of the club. To enumerate somewhat will give an idea of the wall adornments. Moose and three deer head, Dr. G. G. Rogers, Woburn; moose, caribou and deer heads, bear and fox skins, A. A. Tilden; 3 deer heads, 3 fox skins, snow shoes, pictures, etc., Walter B. Farmer; deer heads and fore feet, used to form a coat rack, A. Bart Hill and J. W. Ronco; moose and caribou heads, Gordon Parker, Woburn; 3 deer heads and large bear skin, N. J. Hardy; 2 deer heads, snow shoes, pictures of game captured, etc., C. G. Sunergren.

The entertainment in this hall opened with a fine collection of magic lantern slides, manipulated by Mr. O. W. Whittemore, and presented scenes that, while being especially gratifying to those familiar with the places shown, were hardly less so to a majority of the guests. This was followed by a "cake walk," the participants being Joseph H. Law and Miss Ruth Thornton, of Boston; Ephraim Atkinson and young lady, both colored.

Messrs. Rogers, Harriman and Nolan, acting as judges, awarded the cake to the first couple, though Ephraim's companion was out of sight the best dancer of the four. A four-round sparring match by the Sullivan twins, of Cambridge, men of marked skill with the gloves, was next in order, and they gave place to the Meagher brothers who made much fun last year. The graphophone ground out its story of a day in camp, Messrs. Ronco and Gove gave a bear dance in costumes, and with this the affair wound up. Just before this, however, the company was grouped in one end of the hall, and Mr. Whittemore, with the assistance of Litchfield's studio managers, made a flash light picture. During the evening a quartette of colored people served as vocalists and orchestra, giving enjoyable music.

One of the guests at Menotomy Fish and Game Club, at their annual banquet in Arlington on the evening of Feb. 6, was Mr. Gordon Parker, of Woburn, an enthusiastic and successful sportsman who has traversed wide sections of Maine and New Brunswick, bringing back with him an unusually valuable collection of moose, caribou and deer heads, bear and other skins. Some of these trophies were shown in the decoration of Menotomy Hall, notably "Big Tim," and for the benefit of the jovial crew, and as of interest to our general readers, we give a picture taken in the woods, Mr. Parker standing beside the trophy of which he was so justly proud, and the story of his trip as given to his brother in a letter written some time ago. Mr. Parker is an expert amateur with the camera (many of the pictures we have lately published were specimens of his work) and on all hunting trips takes his photographic outfit along. Having adjusted the instrument and determined the focus, he stepped into the tracks of his friend and companion Frank Fowle, also of Woburn, the latter pressed the button and securing the result shown above.

The doctor had started for home, unable or unwilling to remain away longer from his patients. The night before we had heard the breaking of trees, the clashing of horns, and the deep toned noise peculiar to bull moose when fighting, so in the early morning we crossed the lake for one more try at the big horned monarch of the forest the day of battle of the previous night had given assurance must certainly be in our neighborhood. Evidently the conflict was not finished, for several times during the day we heard the now familiar sounds; but because of the deceptive echoes, or because the noise came from too great a distance, we were unable to locate either the place of meeting or the duellists.

Only a little yearling, posted like a sentry in one of the trails, came our way, and he, as if to carry out the idea, kept tab on us till we crossed over the ridge towards camp, and away from the sound of battle. The next day Frank and I, following our guides and baggage, bade farewell to Indian Camp, crossed the lake for the last time, and took up the trail for Island Camp, where we rested for the night and made plans for the balance of the trip. At the Crooked Dead Water Camp, which we reached the next day about noon, we found the English party, Major Hallowell and wife. They had been hunting that region for a month. It was expected that this party would be ready to go by the time we reached camp, but the Major had been very unfortunate with his shooting, except for a fine caribou, missing several good chances at moose, and so wasted one more try at the game around Fox Lake. Our plan was to go up into the caribou barrens, but, as the trail lay through the country the Major would hunt, we decided to stay where we were for the night.

That was a memorable night, and there were not many hours of darkness left when the last one of the party buried himself in his blankets to catch a little sleep. Song, story and merry jest drove away all thought of sleep, and the rapid tick of the little camp clock was unnoticed. Old Jim Best, cook and body guard to Mrs. Hallowell, was divided in his emotions—enjoyment of the fun, and fear lest his mistress, sleeping (?) in an adjoining camp, should be disturbed, broadening his face with smiles or lengthening it with anxiety. But we have it on good authority, (her word) that she enjoyed what she could hear of our merry making fully as much as we.

As a fitting climax to the entertainment, Best, at the mention of trout, cleaned and cooked for us a most appetizing fish supper, to which all hands did justice just as the little clock struck two. As Best was very methodical in his habits, and from his own account, a terrible sufferer with dyspepsia, his participation in the festivities and his late supper were a source of surprise and joy to the rest of us. About ten days later, returning from a successful caribou hunt, we met Best, heavily loaded with kettles, pans, provisions, and a tin baker, trudging behind a New York party and their guides bound for Clover Lake. The familiar "Oh dear, oh dear" in answer to our inquiry as to his health, was somewhat belied by the shrewd twinkle of his eye as he referred to our last meeting and certain dyspepsia medicine a fellow sufferer of our party had given him.

Half way to Fox Lake, the next day, we met the Major coming back. The meeting of sportsmen anywhere is always an excuse for talk on their hobby, and so guns, game, luck and all that makes a hunting trip were discussed in all their bearings, while the guide rested and talked shop. Finally the "good bye" and "good luck" was said and each party took up the march again. We shall always have pleasant memories of the Major and his wife and hope they had good luck in the balance of their trip around the world. A camp had been built near the lake since our first trip there, rather too near the trail it seemed, but in our case it proved all right. Early in the day and late in the evening the first night and

morning at Fox Lake, and it would be hard to make some of the party who camped there that season believe that isn't the way the old saw should read.

The trail runs back of the camp, about twenty yards, to the left towards the lake, to the right over a low ridge towards the Dead Water. There is a thick growth of fir, spruce, birch and bushy undergrowth on either side, so that it is difficult to see any distance in a straight line, an excellent cover for big game. Late breakfast is over; our courier is getting ready to carry some message; Braithwaite is writing at his stump desk outside the camp; Charlie, the cook, is cleaning up the dishes; Jack, the guide, is sharpening his ax and talking with Frank who sets on the "dear seat" with him. I am stretched out on the blankets, lazily wondering if I can pick off that screeching blue jay perched on the peak of a tall spruce in front of the camp. The jay is a great observer, and his shrill cry is generally a warning that something unusual is happening.

The restraint of the hunter when near the haunts of his game is relaxed. The usual camp duties are being performed, talk and laughter indulged in as though miles separated us from any game. Suddenly there is a change. Braithwaite, who from his position outside the shanty, and a little to the left, can command with ear and eye the surrounding space, raises his hand and breathes a warning sh— Noiselessly reaching for his birchen horn he whispers, "get your guns boys," and starts out towards the trail. All is suppressed excitement as we pile out after our master hunter in time to see a cow and bull moose that had innocently, in their love making, stumbled into our yard, separate and run for dear life in opposite directions.

As mentioned before, the wood was very thick back of the camp so that while the massive forms could be seen, there was always a tree in the line of any shot that might be fired. I have the big English express rifle and the feeling of confidence as I strain my eyes to get a clear sight on the bull, is only shaken by my inability to draw that bead.

"There he goes, Gordon! Get onto him!" cries Frank. At the same moment a low, soft call from Henry's horn floats down the trail, strikes his majesty's ears and for a moment turns his thought and course towards his fleeing mistress. That momentary hesitation and swerving to the left puts his great side plainly in view and is my opportunity. Getting the elevation of his shoulder I move the gun quickly, on the same level, in the direction he is going, to a clear space between the trees just ahead and—wait. Something black comes into the sight. There is a puff of powder, a loud report, a loud report as the one hundred and twenty-grains of powder sends its deadly messenger on its way, and then the smoke, rising quickly on the clear morning breeze, discloses the death struggle of a perfect specimen of the grandest game that roams the New Brunswick woods.

His twenty-four perfect points and fifty-nine honest inches of spread, entitled him to the same honor and respect, that he was no doubt able to command living, and we called him "Big Tim," satisfied that if that mythical moose could show better claim to the place of honor, it remained for him to prove it.

## ABOUT TOWN MATTERS IN ARLINGTON.

Notices of concerts, lectures, entertainments, etc. to which an admission fee is charged or from which a revenue is derived, must be paid for as advertisements by the line.

—Important news locals on 2d page.

—Wanted a boy at the Advocate office.

—Poole will furnish a fine musical program for the Pop Concert.

—Wanted a female compositor at Advocate office, one who has had some experience preferred.

—The Rev. James Yeames exchanged with Rev. F. A. Foxcroft, of Beachmont, last Sunday evening.

—The monthly meeting of Arlington Cooperative Bank occurs next Tuesday evening at 7.30. Money sold at auction at 8.30.

—Miss Josephine LeBaron is on a leave of absence from her office at the Cambridge Telephone Exchange, for rest and recreation.

—The favored ones have been seeing the Cadets in Miladi and the Musketeer, this week, and don't consider their money wasted.

—Rev. James Yeames will preach at St. John's church, corner Maple and Academy streets, on Sunday. Morning service at 10.30; evening 7.30.

## Stock Taking Just Over!

Everything remaining reduced in price. Our aim now will be to make room for spring goods. Housekeepers will do well to visit our store this week. Great bargains are to be had in odds and ends of Sheetings, Prints, Percales and Toweling. Our Wrappers are made of the best materials—well made and well finished. Broken lots of Hosiery and Underwear. All sizes in Men's Percal Shirts. Good assortment of Neckwear. Remnants of Ribbons, Laces and Hamburg. We are showing some beautiful designs in Renaissance Lace Work in our Millinery window. We carry a full line of Battenberg materials.

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—Pop Concert Saturday night, Town Hall.

—Chief Harriman has just completed his annual tabulation of Arlington's increase, during 1899, in the infantile line.

—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bryant Turner's first at home day occurred on Wednesday current, at The Raneleigh, Mountford street, Boston.

—Mr. A. Winslow Trow has leased the store in Swan's Block, formerly occupied by Mr. Hendrick, and is fitting the same for a dry goods store.

—Rev. Dr. Watson is to preach a sermon to the children on Sunday morning, at the Baptist church. He will be glad to see all of his young friends.

—Rev. C. H. Watson, D. D., of Arlington, read a paper at the meeting of the Boston Clerical Club, held at Hotel Victoria, Monday afternoon, entitled "The Modern Minister."

—Young People's service at the Universalist church, next Sunday evening, at seven o'clock. Topic—"The Scriptural Basis of the Larger Hope." Leader, Amy Winn.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Basset entertained a few intimate friends on Sunday evening, when Mr. Basset favored the company with flute selections, and there were other likewise pleasing musical numbers.

—At the People's Service at the Baptist church on Sunday evening, Dr. Watson's subject will be, "Burdens: Our own, our brother's, our God's." Time, 7.15. In the morning, at 10.45, an object sermon especially for children will be given. Everybody is welcome.

—The police gathered in a crop of Cambridge youth who were making a disturbance in the east end of the town last Sunday night. On Monday they paid fines in court, answering to the names of James Fay, Frank M. Govern, Henry Welch, John Mack, James Thompson.

—A large company of young ladies from the Baptist church gave an entertainment to the inmates of the Baptist Home, Brookline street, Cambridgeport, on the evening of Feb. 1st. A very pleasant evening was passed by both young and old, and at the close the young ladies presented each of the old people with candy.

—Carloads of skaters, both on the B. & M. R. R. and the Boston Elevated, came to Arlington, on Saturday last, for the skating on Spy Pond, which was excellent at the time. College and High school students predominated in the crowd. A thaw set in Sunday and spoiled the sport.

—Miss Nellie E. Ewart will hold a class lesson Saturday, Feb. 10, at ten a. m., 647 Mass. avenue, in which she will lecture and give a demonstration in cooking. The lesson will be a dinner menu. The fee of joining the class is only a quarter for each demonstration. Miss Ewart can be fully commended to the ladies of Arlington, and has first class ability in this line of work.

—There were two quite creditable ice polo, or games of hockey, last Saturday, on Spy Pond. In the senior interscholastic league, Cambridge High and Latin defeated Cambridge Manual Training School 2 to 0. F. Clarkson, Murphy, Westcott and Gallagher played finely for their respective teams. In the other game alluded to, the Newtowne hockey team easily won from North Shore by a score of 6 to 1. For Newtowne, Lyman

and Stoddard put up a star game, while Warnock and George excelled for North Shore.

—Tickets for the Pop Concert can be had at the door.

—The strange birds which people are unable to give a name to, seen recently in this locality, are white winged Cross Bills. If you want to know more about them we have a friend who will tell you.

—The topic of Rev. Frederic Gill's sermon at the First Parish (Unitarian) church, next Sunday morning, will be, "Recent Events and Criticisms Concerning Unitarianism." The public is invited.

—A week ago Mr. Edwin A. Knowlton started on a Washington trip, but was taken sick on the way and conveyed to a hotel. He arrived home on Wednesday and is now in a fair way of speedy recovery.

—Mr. Edmund H. Noyes returned Thursday from a brief trip to New York and is leaving to-day for a three weeks' trip to the Pacific coast. His wife remains a guest at his mother's home on Avon place.

—Tickets have been issued for a literary and musical entertainment in G. A. R. Hall on the evening of March 1, that is worthy of general patronage on its own merits, and again because it is for the benefit fund of Post 36.

—A large party from here attended the reading, in Sanders Theatre, Wednesday, by F. Hopkinson Smith, under the auspices of the Cantabrigia Club. Mr. Smith read the same selections as in his appearance before an Arlington audience a year ago.

—Circle Lodge A. O. U. W. has arranged for another "smoke talk" in G. A. R. Hall on the evening of Feb. 16, and issued tickets for the same. Those who attended the first one will need no urging to be guests in the affair of next Friday evening.

—The skill shown by drivers of the fire apparatus in the Broadway house in training their horses is warrant for the belief that "Prince," the pet cat, will ere long be the star "fire sharp" and jump to the claug of the gong quicker than do the horses. Certainly "Prince" is making rapid strides, if all we hear of his intelligence be true.

—To-morrow evening, in Town Hall, the Clover Leaf-a-Hand gives what they call a "Pop Concert." The arrangement of the entertainment will be novel and furnish attractive features, so that it will be worthy a full attendance for the pleasure it is bound to afford participants, while on the other hand there will be the satisfaction of having done a good thing, for every penny the affair, shall earn will go toward the charity fund to which the club has frequent resource in the interests of the poor and unfortunate.

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### Railroad Mishaps.

Train No. 54, in charge of Conductor Pratt, leaving Lexington at 8.30, a. m., and Arlington at 8.40, a. m., ran off the track Monday, at the switch at Bedford station, near the Y. There was no damage done and no one was hurt, but the morning trains were somewhat deranged in their running time by the accident.

Wednesday evening the train leaving Lexington at 5.10, met with a singular accident just beyond the Woburn crossing, Lexington. It was rather hard on our friend Frank Pratt that it should be his train to be again unlucky, but such was the fact. Jos. L. Francis was engineer and his assistant, Samuel B. Eaton, but these trainmen were in no wise to blame. The reporter's story of the accident is as follows:—

"The large rear driving wheel on the right hand side broke off and fell beside the track. Fireman Eaton was quick to comprehend the situation, and at once closed the throttle and put on the emergency brakes. The locomotive in the mean time had travelled over fifty yards on the three wheels. Just as the train was coming to a standstill the two large driving wheels on the left side broke off in precisely the same manner as the first one did. The body of the engine dropped several feet, the fire box falling squarely in the middle of the tracks. Parts of the working machinery of the engine were strewn along the tracks for some distance. All trains were somewhat delayed by the accident. A wrecking train was sent out at once, and the crew labored for hours in clearing away the wreck. The train crew is commended highly by witnesses of the accident for their coolness and promptness, which, in all probability prevented a disaster."

There were quite a number of passengers aboard but they were perfectly cool and collected and they only suffered a shaking up caused by the jar.

### No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents, at A. A. Tilden's, Arlington, and at L. G. Babcock's, Lexington, drug stores.







## THE "CHEROKEE STRIP."

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which she must, like the army nurse, supply her own wardrobe.

persons look at things differently from  
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#### EAST LEXINGTON LOCALS.

There were five tables at the whist party Saturday evening and all report a good time.

The Follen Lend-a-Hand recently sent a sum of money to the Floating Hospital and has received a hearty vote of thanks for the gift.

Letters received from Mr. Alfred Pierce speak of the coldness of the weather for the south. He has sent home a box of quails, showing that he is not idle.

The discourse by Rev. Mr. Cox, Sunday afternoon, in Emerson Hall, was from the text, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost."—Luke 15: 6.

The young lads and misses who have attended the dancing school, will give a dance and reception at Village Hall, Feb. 13, and it is hoped it will be well patronized.

Some of our ladies responded to the invitation from the ladies of the Alliance of the First Unitarian church and listened with pleasure to Rev. Mr. Jackson's address on Margaret Fuller, Tuesday afternoon.

There will be a supper and sociable in Emerson Hall, Wednesday, Feb. 14, under the auspices of some of the ladies of East Lexington who are interested in the Baptist Social Circle. The supper, for which the small sum of ten cents is charged, will be served at 6.30 o'clock.

Sunday evening, at the Guild meeting, Mr. Clifford Pierce read a well written and interesting paper on Dr. Follen. His helpers were the Misses Alice Locke, Avonie Lawrence, Chester Lawrence, Charlie Johnson, George Foster. Rev. Mr. Cochrane rounded out the pleasant and instructive exercises.

Owing to the bursting of the water pipes in Follen church, there could be no services there on Sunday, and therefore were held in Emerson Hall. Rev. Mr. Cochrane preached on the famous English author and art critic, John Ruskin, whom Gladstone named to succeed Tennyson as poet laureate, but who declined the honor.

The Follen Lend-a-Hand will hold an oyster supper at Emerson and Follen Halls, at six o'clock, to-morrow (Saturday) evening, Feb. 10. We can assure you your two dimes will be like bread cast upon the waters, for it will return to you again and you will aid a little band of faithful workers, besides enjoying a social evening.

Through the kindness of Mrs. George Estabrooks, the reading room in the Stone Building is rendered very attractive. Through her watchful care the windows are filled with lovely plants of choice varieties and besides the bright geranium and begonia blossoms, the air is fragrant with the delicate perfume of the heliotrope and fuchsia.

Our much respected neighbor and citizen, Mr. Albert W. Bryant, will be eighty-six years old next week on Friday, Feb. 16. He is remarkably active and may blame us for letting the public know his age. He is at present quite busy writing a paper of historical interest for the Hiram Lodge of Arlington, and is also busy out of doors several hours each day.

There are many in our village who feel most deeply the sad and sudden death of Rev. Edward G. Porter. Whether present or absent from our town, he took a keen interest in its welfare and was ever willing to contribute to its prosperity, he was so alive to every good and noble object. We cannot associate him with death and can truly say, "Though dead he yet speaketh" in the hearts of the multitude who loved and honored him.

In a recent Sunday Post there is a long article on "A glimpse into the life of the artists of the Hub," their studios and mode of living, etc. From it we copy the following, as it relates to one who was born in our town. "In one of the lower studios lives Mme. von Olenhausen, who was a nurse in the civil war under Dorotha Dix and later a nurse through the Franco-Prussian war, and who is the proud possessor of the iron cross given her personally by the Emperor William of Germany for distinguished services. She is one of the artist group, though she is too modest to call herself an artist. She draws designs for embroidery, and although she is over eighty years old, her hand is as steady as ever and her eye as keen, and has all the orders she can fill."

Last Friday afternoon the Friday Club met with Mrs. M. A. Pero. After the usual business, Mrs. Cochrane gave us for current events various articles relative to the South African war, also our war with the Philippines, and various other items of present interest. Mrs. M. A. Pero read a paper on Whittier, giving an account of his life, childhood home, and his later interests and works in the civil war and the cause of religion. Miss Leah Nunn read portions of Snow Bound, Miss L. M. Bridgman, Among the Hills, Mrs. George E. Worthen, an article relating to his efforts in the anti-slavery cause, and Miss Annie Lawrence, one of his religious poems, The Two Angels. Mrs. Cochrane read The

The February number of "The National Magazine" of Boston is bright and timely, and in contents and appearance is easily a leader among the ten-cent periodicals. Joe Mitchell Chapple furnishes a clever resume of "Affairs at Washington," with pertinent comment on men and things seen and heard at the national capitol in his own colloquial style, which is only one of many timely articles.

#### His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says:—"I was taken with typhoid fever that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave me great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at A. A. Tilden's, Arlington, and at L. G. Babcock's, Lexington, drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

#### ARLINGTON HEIGHTS LOCALS.

—We can report the condition of Mr. Wm. Piper somewhat improved over that of last week.

—Mr. Finley will be the leader at the Friday evening prayer meeting, held at the Baptist church.

—The Highland Whist club will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Kendall, Wednesday evening of next week.

—Mrs. Clementson's friends will sympathize with her in her recent illness which has confined her to the house.

—Mr. A. R. Smith, father of Mrs. King, is reported very ill, and owing to his advanced years, the hopes of recovery are doubtful.

—The ladies connected with the Baptist Benevolent Society meet with Mrs. Worthington, of Tanager street, on Wednesday afternoon.

—The C. E. Society, we believe, are preparing for an entertainment to take the form of a "district school" to be given at an early date.

—The meeting place for the members of the M. M. M. Club will be with Miss Snow, on Tuesday afternoon, instead of Monday, as is the usual custom.

—Tuesday morning the town workmen were stationed up Park avenue filling the gutters on the sidewalk with sand, washed out by the heavy rain in the late fall.

—A small company of friends of Mr. Warren Choate attended the reception tendered her and his bride, Monday evening, at the home of the groom's parents, Newbury street, Boston.

—The Ladies' Aid, connected with the Park avenue church, held a meeting Tuesday afternoon at the regular hour. A supper and reception to the officiating pastor is being arranged for and will probably occur next Tuesday, instead of this week as was reported to us for the last week's issue.

—The members of the H. O. P. club met with Miss Haskell last Friday evening, and the evening spent as usual playing cards. The prizes were awarded to Miss Dora Parsons and Miss Helen Atwell, who took the part of a gentleman. The usual appetizing refreshment was served after the game.

—Mrs. Bull and son, Mr. James Bull, were included in the invitations sent by the management of the Grand Opera House last week Wednesday, to Admiral Sampson and naval officers to witness the presentation of the play, "Gunner's Mate." It was peculiarly realistic of life on board ship and was heartily enjoyed by these honored guests.

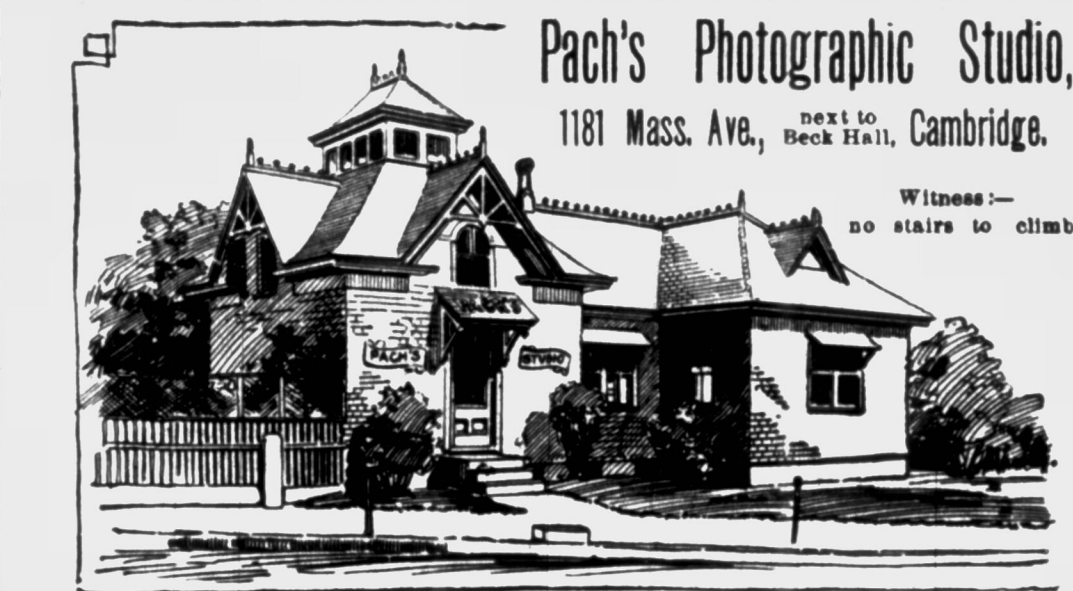
—The Literary Union, connected Park avenue church, held a meeting in the church last Thursday evening, when Mr. Arthur Perkins gave an interesting talk on the present war between the English and the Boers, followed by reading by the same gentleman. The next meeting occurs a week from Thursday, Feb. 16, at the same place.

—The Sunshine Club has again returned to their former day of meeting, Wednesday afternoon. Last Friday the members were guests of Mrs. Ed. P. White and an unusually large attendance was present. Mrs. Ed. Lloyd and Miss Josephine Davidson were the fortunate winners of the prizes. Refreshments, which are an attractive part of the afternoon's pleasure, were served by the hostesses.

—The members of the Sunshine Club were entertained at "Idahurst" by Mrs. Nellie M. Farmer, Wednesday afternoon. The six tables were filled with the players of the ever popular whist and an enjoyable afternoon was passed. Candy was placed on the several tables, and later more substantial refreshments were served in the dining room. There were four prizes offered and were won by the following ladies: Mrs. Edw. Lloyd, Mrs. J. T. White, Mrs. George Doull, Mrs. Stevens Lawrence.

—Saturday evening the Elcric Club was entertained at the home of Miss Edith Kendall. The full membership was present, making a company numbering sixteen, and an unusually social evening was passed with the usual game of cards. Attractive prizes were won by Herbert Kendall and Miss Alice White. After the conclusion of the playing, the guests were invited to the dining room where the table was most attractively set with lettuce sandwiches (for which mine hostess has become famous), also chicken sandwiches, cake, candy and chocolate. The club will be entertained Feb. 24th, by the Misses White.

—Last Sunday was celebrated as "Anniversary Day" by the C. E. Society. There was no special preparation at the Park avenue church, however, aside from the Juniors sending special invitations to the parents of members to be present at their meeting which was held Sunday afternoon. There were but few who responded, which was to be regretted by those who have the interests of this part of the children's work at heart. These young people are the ones to whom the responsibilities will in the future fall, and it lies with the older ones to see they are building on the rock of salvation. In this present generation the temptations which assail the young on every side, makes it an added reason why they



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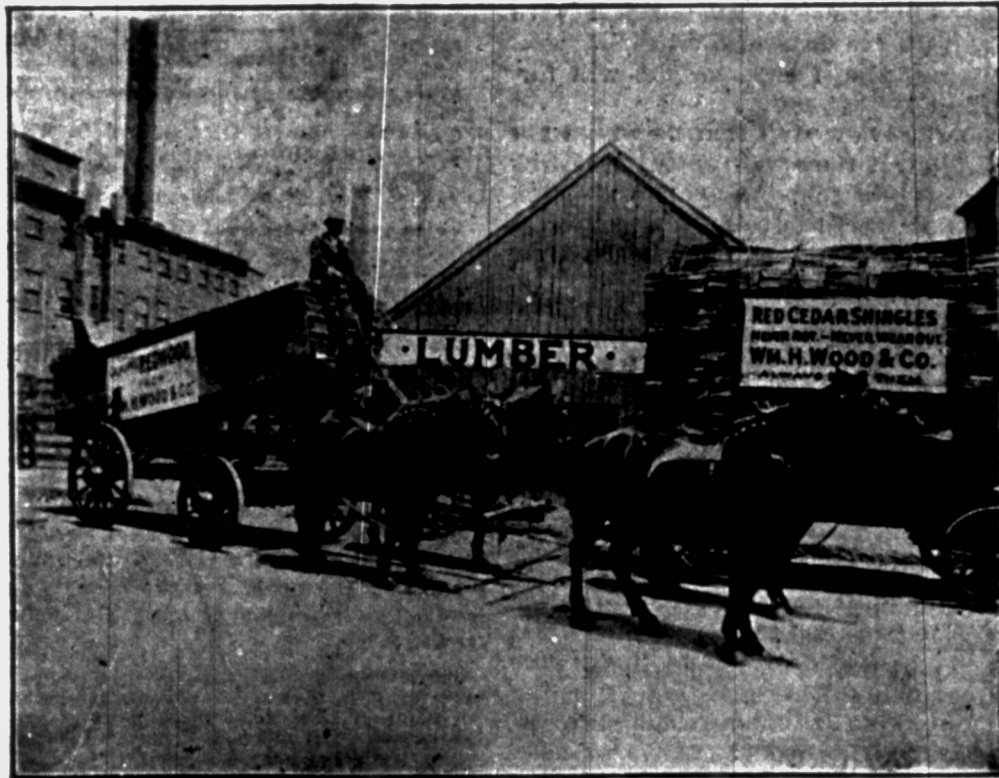
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should be encouraged and helped in leading a Christian life. Sunday evening an unusually large audience was in attendance, which, of course, is always encouraging to the leader.

—Mrs. Stevens Lawrence attended the meeting of the Sunshine Club on Wednesday, at the residence of Mrs. Nellie M. Farmer, and her many friends congratulated her on the full recovery of health.

—The auxiliary connected with the Baptist church held a reception to their pastor, Rev. Mr. Lorimer, last Tuesday evening, in the church. There was a large attendance present and the evening was a most enjoyable one for all. Mr. Lorimer received at the head of the church and each was given a cordial handshake from him. Miss Mabel Whipple, of Hyde Park, gave several bright recitations, Miss Cameron, of Boston, also adding her talent, and banjo and organ duets were given by Mrs. Cameron and Mr. Murdock. Light refreshments were served later.

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#### Old Belfry Club Items.

We are told that the club minstrels are to begin rehearsals next week. Mr. Fred Ingalls has consented to accompany and assist at the piano, while the musical men among the club members are to take hold and make the "show" a success.

There was a small number present at the hop, last Saturday evening. The excuse is given that the change in date for the party was not fully understood; and then again many of the young people of the dancing set attended a party at Concord the night before and so were disinclined for the dance at the club house. Mrs. Ida C. Merrill, the pianist, played with great spirit and made the dance music all that could be desired.

Tuesday evening teams two and three bowled, but the scores, aside from Mr. Gilmore's, were not, to put it mildly, large. His total was 529.

There was some bowling in the alleys Monday evening and several hands at cards, but otherwise there was no special attraction for members' night this week.

Next Monday evening the entertainment will be furnished by local talent, and it is possible the Sousa Band may appear.

The club hall is engaged the 17th for Mr. Ballard's subscription dance.

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#### Theatrical Notes.

Frank Daniels will bring his comic opera company to the Tremont Theatre, next Monday evening, Feb. 12, to produce Victor Herbert's latest success, "The Amer." Everywhere the Daniels' company has played this season they have broken all their previous records for big business. The music of the new opera is described as the prettiest that Herbert has written. The score is full of catchy melodies and there are two marches in the opera so stirring as almost to make it impossible for the listener to stay in his seat. The part devised by Frank Daniels is declared by that inimitable comedian to be the richest in comedy situations of any that he has portrayed. The costumes and scenic effects have received great praise for beauty and appropriateness.

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## SHE WANTED GOLD.

One Woman's Idea of the Money to Deposit in a Bank.

Most comical stories are told at the expense of the fair sex regarding their lack of familiarity with banks and their methods. One came to the ears of the Saunterer that apparently has the merit of newness.

"My wife had saved up her pin money, or what she hadn't had occasion to use of it," said the relator of the story, "until she had \$40 in bills of various denominations. This she was extremely desirous of securing gold for, and every day when I came home to dinner she would haul me over the coals because I had forgotten to procure the shining metal. Finally she said she would attend to the matter herself. That evening she greeted me with a triumphant smile.

"I got my gold," she exclaimed as soon as I entered the house, "but I had a time in doing it, though."

"Then she told me how she had gone to the mint with her bills and been refused the coveted coin because the notes weren't good notes. Next she hustled around to a bank and secured four \$10 gold pieces. These didn't suit her because they weren't new and shiny, so she trotted back to the mint with them and exchanged them for two double eagles, fresh from the dies. I listened to her recital and asked her to let me see the coins.

"Let you see them?" she exclaimed in surprise. "Why, I haven't them any more, you know."

"Haven't them any more?" I repeated. "What did you do with them?"

"She looked at me with mingled scorn and contempt.

"I deposited them in the — Savings bank, of course. That's what I wanted the gold for. What did you think I was going to do with them? Keep them around the house to look at?"

"But I was too busy laughing just then and for half an hour afterward to make any reply."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## THE FORCE OF HABIT.

How It Once Played a Mean Trick on Frederick Villiers.

E. W. Sabel, in The Saturday Evening Post, tells an anecdote of Frederick Villiers, the famous war correspondent. Villiers had been under fire for some days, the enemy bombarding the force to which the artist was attached, so that the arrival of a shell was a commonplace circumstance to be treated in the usual way. Out of this ordeal he came unscathed to London and was strolling down the crowded Strand.

On a sudden the pedestrians were appalled to see him fling himself at full length upon the greasy, muddy pavement and there lie on his face, rigid as a dead man. From all directions men rushed to render him assistance. They turned him over to rub his hands and unbutton his collar, expecting to find him in a fit. But no. On his face they found not the pain and pallor of epilepsy, but astonishment and mud. Villiers, when they laid hold of him, quickly jumped to his feet, shook the mud from his hands and clothes and then looked around for an explanation of his own apparently idiotic act. The explanation was forthcoming.

A few yards behind him stood a horse and cart. The cart had a moment after Villiers passed pulled the pin and allowed the cart box to dump upon the ground a load of gravel. The heavy beams of the cart, of course, struck the wood paving with a resounding "dull thud," and the clean gravel hissed out with an evil roar. This combination of sounds, the war artist declared, was identical with the striking of a live shell, and Villiers, forgetting that he then stood some thousands of miles from the seat of war, automatically flung himself down to await the dreadful explosion.

## He Got the Information.

An English paper tells this story of the late Joseph Whitaker, the publisher of Whitaker's Almanack: "For the first issue he wanted, along with similar information, the amount of the salaries received by a number of certain high functionaries in the civil service. Application to these personages themselves was uniformly met with only flat refusals. Accordingly the Almanack appeared with a list of the officials, each credited with a purely imaginary sum."

"The result was instantaneous. Hardly had the first edition come out before those whose salaries had been underrated were impelled by 'amour propre' to write indignant corrections, while the polite statements of the inland revenue authorities were similarly efficacious where the alleged amount was at all in excess of the actual income."

## Tiny Bibles.

In Russia miniature Bibles are often worn as watch charms. One of these Bibles is owned by a Bostonian who received it from a friend living in Russia. It is about one inch long, three-fourths of an inch wide and contains the first five books of the Old Testament. The text of the book is in Hebrew and the titles in Latin. It can only be read with the help of a powerful magnifying glass.

## His Line of Criticism.

"I understand," said the neighbor, "that your husband is a dramatic critic."

"No," replied the little woman bitterly, "he is even worse than that. He is a household critic."—Chicago Post.

## Disguised.

Wiggins—Whose umbrella is this? It looks like the one I lost.

Wiggins—I don't see how it can, for I swapped the handle and altered it generally.—Ohio State Journal.

## THE LOWER SHELF.

When from the chatter I retire  
And close my study door behind,  
A chair is wheeled before the fire—  
A thoughtful hand has drawn the blind.  
Then o'er the shelves I range my eye,  
Where volumes mix with pipes and delf,  
The stately pompous fellows—high,  
The ragged on the lower shelf.

They line my study's narrow wall,  
These friends to whom for rest I come,  
I cannot say I know them all,  
But this I'll swear—I worship some.  
And would you know the gods I serve  
With love that's well nigh worthy self,  
Glance, stranger, o'er the shabby curve  
That bulges on the lower shelf.

You mount a somewhat shaky chair,  
You point to princely tomes above,  
With, "This is fine!" and "This is rare!"  
But where's the book a man can love?  
Ah, leave the grand ones, I beseech!  
They do but conjure thoughts of self,  
While these untidy beggars reach  
To heaven from the lower shelf.

—Pall Mall Gazette.

## A CURIOSITY OF ALASKA.

Beaches Formed by Driftwood From All Over the World.

One of the greatest curiosities noted by travelers in Alaska is the wonderful haven of driftwood on the coast between Yakutat and Kyak islands, some 1,200 or 1,500 miles northeast from Seattle. The constant deposit of logs and driftwood in this particular spot, which has been going on for hundreds, perhaps thousands, of years, is due to the phenomena of the tides, the Pacific gulf stream, the mysterious ocean currents and the peculiar formation of the shore lines at that point.

Logs and timbers are readily identified there as having come from Japan, China, India and other parts of Asia, as well as from California, Washington and other parts of the American continent.

There are fine logs of the camphor tree, the mahogany, the redwood and the pine in this driftage. Some of those from the state of Washington contain the names of the men who felled the trees and of the sawmills for which they were destined, but never reached. Logs eight feet in diameter are in this novel woodyard, and some entire trees 150 feet long are there, uplifted by the roots, cast into the sea by some terrible tempest and sent floating round the world.

Other persons on the beach decry big trees floating shoreward, with fantastic roots above the waves like some sea monster. One beach after another has been formed by the floating timbers, and a little distance back from the shore the deposits are so old that the wood in some places is petrified, while a little deeper in the earth it has turned into coal. The newer logs are without bark and as hard as stone, due, it is thought, to their long immersion in salt water. They have all taken on a whitish appearance. In places the timbers are piled 20 feet high; at other points they rise to a height of only four or five feet.

Under this wonderful beach are found large quantities of dark, ruby sand, rich in fine particles of gold, for the separation of which no successful process has yet been discovered.—Chicago Times-Herald.

## A Lost King.

In olden times, when European kings were as plentiful as Kentucky colonels are today, it was not an exceptional occurrence for a king to disappear and never be heard of again. In ancient times, however, the people have been more careful of their kings.

So when King Sebastian of Portugal disappeared in battle July 29, 1578, while fighting the Moors at Alcazar, there was great commotion. The Moors surrendered to the Portuguese a body said to be that of the king, but it was rumored that the Moors had the king alive in custody.

The surrendered body was buried with royal honors at Belem, but the faithful Portuguese persisted in waiting for the return of their king. Long after he would have died in the course of nature his countrymen longingly awaited his coming.

Even up to this day the legend of the return of King Sebastian is believed by many, and on stormy nights credulous Portuguese citizens will wrap their cloaks about them and go outside and watch the storm, thinking that the king may appear in a cloud of fire again to rule.

## What Is a Sleeper?

Here is a definition which is as difficult to read rapidly as "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers" and yet is more sensible. In fact, it is an actual statement of facts as you will find if you read it slowly:

A sleeper is one who sleeps. A sleeper is that in which a sleeper sleeps. A sleeper is that on which the sleeper runs while the sleeper sleeps. Therefore while the sleeper sleeps in the sleeper the sleeper carries the sleeper over the sleeper under the sleeper until the sleeper which carries the sleeper jumps the sleeper and wakes the sleeper in the sleeper by striking the sleeper under the sleeper on the sleeper, and there is no longer any sleeper sleeping in the sleeper on the sleeper.

## No Woman May Reign.

The question has been asked why none of the daughters of the czar may be a successor to the throne on which the great Catherine proved her capacity. The exclusion rests only on an edict of the Emperor Paul, the son of Catherine the Great, issued to discredit his mother's memory.

France has as many as 45,000 families, with 130,000 individuals, claiming a title of nobility; but, as a matter of fact, only about 450 families can prove their claim to descent from a noble family in feudal times.

Near the city of Durban, South Africa, is the Place of Death, a funnel-like cleft in the coast rocks, into which in times gone by the Zulu chiefs were accustomed to take the victims of their wrath to die.

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## SHORT NEWS STORIES.

Professor Brown's Walking Match.  
A Quick Cure—One on the Rev. Cortland Myers.

Professor William Harvey Brown visited the dark continent as a naturalist for the United States government and as a soldier, trapper and miner. He is an athlete of no mean reputation in college and scientific circles, says the Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

In relating some experiences lately he told of how he became tangled up in a walking match. There was an Englishman in the party which the author joined who hailed from Piccadilly and who thought he could walk faster than a horse could trot. To get even with him all sorts of matches were arranged, including one with the professor. The two candidates went into training, that of the Englishman being particularly severe by his own request. He did considerable boasting and backed it up with what was considered "a physique for the part." No one seemed to think Brown would win.

The day of the event arrived, and the professor resolved to face defeat like a man. As the contest began the Englishman darted past the professor, saying, "I can keep this up forever." The professor said nothing, but walked off his reply.

The man from Piccadilly spent considerable time shouting remarks about the American, but gradually he began to slacken his speed. Then he was passed by his opponent, who was being shouted at like a wild Indian. When within 100 yards of the goal, the American's victory was certain, and when the end came and the professor won, the other man was carried off like a crushed jellyfish.

## A Quick Cure.

Ben Teal, who successfully staged the stupendous production of "Ben-Hur" in New York recently, certainly came in for his share of trouble during the many rehearsals of the piece. One cause of annoyance was to get the "extras" to wear their costumes properly.



## "VARICOSE VEINS, SIR."

They failed to see the necessity of removing their undergarments before donning their tights. In consequence some of them presented a rather abnormal appearance.

During one of the last rehearsals a super appeared on the stage with his thighs in a wretched condition. Great misshapen lumps bulged out on the calves of his legs. Mr. Teal spied the malefactor and reproached him thus: "See here, what does this mean?"

The super glanced innocently at his big legs, colored slightly and then stammered, "Those are varicose veins, sir."

"What?" laughed Mr. Teal in spite of himself. "Varicose veins? Well, my poor boy, unless you can manage to get cured by tomorrow night I fear we can't use you here."

The cure was effected.

## One on the Rev. Cortland Myers.

Rev. Cortland Myers has recently published a little book entitled "Why Men Do Not Go to Church," and it brings up a passage at arms which occurred between him and General Horace Porter at a Washington's birthday banquet given in New York. The clergyman was called upon for a speech and, getting warmed up in his subject, did not notice the flight of time until he was called to order by the presiding officer. He looked at his watch and saw that he had taken an hour, although the speakers had been limited to 15 minutes.

He apologized to the audience and remarked, "Over in Brooklyn I am accustomed to speak for a long time to my congregation, and I often take two hours."

General Porter was the next speaker, and he opened his address by saying, "The explanation of our reverend friend gives a complete answer to that hitherto mysterious question why Brooklyn people refuse to patronize their churches."

## Made His Fortune.

The Prince of Wales while shooting in Austria caused temporary trouble and ultimately made the fortune of the nearest ladies' tailor by stipulating that all ladies receiving invitations to shoot with him should come in correct shooting costume. This, in Austria, consists of a short skirt coming half way between the knee and ankle and a short, tight fitting jacket, with waistcoat of another color, boots of brown leather and a Tyrolean hat with a feather. None of the ladies had just these clothes at hand, and the tailor had to double his force to supply them.

## VANQUISHED A SPOOK

BILL SCROGGINS DID IT AND THEN DISAPPEARED.

The Singular History of a Peculiar Character Who Located Wells For Missouri Farmers and Juggled With Trained Snakes.

Rev. Bill Scroggins was a character in a border county of Missouri in 1844. How he acquired the ecclesiastical prefix and what he did under the title were stories which used to be told in the farmhouses of what is now known as Cass county.

They said he had been a snake charmer when he was a young man, that he traveled about the country as a sort of magician and that he showed farmers with his divining rod where to dig wells.

The people of what was then a frontier country assembled once a year in their respective communities and held camp meetings. On one of these religious occasions Bill followed the crowd with his bag of reptiles. The minister, an old man whose face was like that of a patriarch, told the story in a sermon of Moses lifting up the brazen serpent in the camp of Israel under the command of Jehovah. The Missouri farmer who used to entertain travelers with the recital said that the congregation was not particularly moved by the appeal, but after its delivery Bill Scroggins got up and announced that he had a bag of real, crawling, hissing reptiles which he would exhibit after dinner just outside the camp ground, and he claimed that he would show the people some snake tricks which would beat the Mosale story they had just heard.

In spite of the protest of the minister the people turned out to the live snake show, and Bill gave them an exhibition which was a great success. It is said, or it used to be said, that there wasn't a snake trick which Bill Scroggins' serpents didn't do. When the exhibition was over, Bill told the people that he was a sort of missionary himself in connection with his business of locating wells and that he would call on each member in the evening and advise with them as to their spiritual and worldly wants.

When he called, his first question was, "Have you got a well?" If the reply was in the negative, and wells were scarce, Bill informed the member that he must have one located, and then he opened his bag of snakes and as they began crawling Bill lifted up his voice and called the people to repentance. He told them the snakes would do no harm if they (the people) would give him the job of locating wells.

It was a tax on human belief, but the Missourian who told the story vouched for the truth of his assertion that the people gave Bill more orders than he could fill in one season and that he broke up the camp meeting. He was the first heretic in the west, although the word was unknown in that country then. He became famous and was in demand. Wherever he traveled he had his bag of trained snakes, and he waxed fat and became independent.

Whenever there was any doubt about the success of any movement the word was passed that Rev. Bill Scroggins should be summoned.

People in that section believed in ghosts, as many more enlightened people believe in them in this day. There was one ghost which had done a lively business along the highway between the county seat and a river known to this day as Bear creek. It was the custom of this ghost to chase belated horsemen over the highway until the ford at Bear creek was reached. There the chase stopped. The ghost never crossed the stream.

When the fame of Rev. Bill Scroggins had spread abroad, it was suggested that he travel over the Bear creek road and try his hand on the spirit. Bill accepted the call. He made a number of journeys before the ghost materialized, and there were people who began doubting the existence of the ghost, while others cited Rev. Bill as one who could overcome anything, and by that token he had made the ghost take to the woods. The community was equally divided.

However, the ghost showed up one night in the midst of a storm and challenged Rev. Bill to ride for his life. The snake ecclesiastic refused, and there was a contest in which Bill's horse was killed, and he was left afoot. The ghost got the bag of snakes and escaped to the ford, where Bill overtook him on the following day, and the contest was renewed. The ghost undertook to turn the snakes on Bill, but they refused to act. Bill got possession of them and turned them on the spirit. They drove the spirit into Bear creek and across it, and the spirit died, and that was the end of the ghost in that country.

Bill returned in triumph to the county seat and told the story. It was received with some doubt, but as years slipped by and nobody was chased people began to believe Bill, and apologies came in rather late. But Bill was vindicated. Then he mysteriously disappeared.

Some years later a den of snakes was discovered in what is now Bates county, Mo., the adjoining county on the south to Cass, and in this den was discovered the skeleton of a man. In the opinion of many the skeleton was none other than that of Rev. Bill Scroggins. So well was his memory revered that the bones were collected from the snake den, and when the first court house was built in Cass county, it is said, they were placed in a box under the cornerstone and were found there years after when the old courthouse was demolished.—Brooklyn Eagle.

An egg will settle coffee, but it takes money to settle a bill.—New York Weekly.



## Boer-British War.

Through the courtesy of Arlington Improvement Association, several hundred citizens had the pleasure of hearing this subject intelligently presented last Monday evening, in Arlington Town Hall. The speaker of the evening was Prof. Macvane of Harvard College, and his introduction to the large audience by Preet. William A. Muller was most happily expressed.

Prof. Macvane plunged at once into his subject by aid of an outline map of Africa, south of the great desert, the holdings of the several nationalities having each a distinctive color. By this it was seen that England holds a continuous line of territory from Cape Town to Egypt (over which she also holds a measure of control) with the exception of the comparatively small strip known as the Transvaal. Continuing, the speaker said:—

"This territory came into her hands by purchase of the southern point from Holland for \$30,000,000, and the balance by her settlement or colonization along the coast of Africa. Because the Boers could no longer hold slaves in Cape Colony, they migrated to Natal. Here they continued their slave holding practices, making excursions into the surrounding country to supply the demand for slaves. Natal was English territory and troops were sent there to put a stop to their practices. They migrated again over the mountainous section into the high tablelands known as the Transvaal, acquiring it by driving out the natives and extending it by excursions into the black man's country. The men were shot down, the women and children brought into 'apprenticeship,' as they termed it, slavery in reality. This is the story as told by Livingstone and Moffat, and it was thus, and for this purpose, the Boers obtained the territory they now hold. They are not hard working farmers, but a race of herdsmen, lording it over a mass of black servants whose labors they direct on horseback. Too independent to submit to proper taxation, the government was before long bankrupt and an appeal made to England for financial aid. This was given in return for rights of citizenship in the convention or treaty between the contracting parties. Early in the eighties the Boers made appeals for emigrants, promising special advantages to new comers; but when the discovery of gold and diamonds brought to the Transvaal a multitude that ultimately outnumbered the Boers three to two, this provision regarding citizenship was, in 1887, ignored and then annulled by law, making citizenship under this law well nigh impossible. In the interval the Boers, individually and by legislation, had sold to the 'Uitlanders,' as all outsiders were called, three-fifths of all the territory over which they claimed jurisdiction, and within its limits had grown a population of hundreds of thousands, that within the boundaries of the city of Johannesburg alone being over a hundred thousand. These are in the main English speaking people, though a small portion only have come from the islands of Great Britain, Australia, America, Germany, France, India and other lands are represented and the ever present Jew is not omitted. English is the language of business and social life, and yet the law is that the Boer language shall alone be taught in public schools. Prior to the influx of strangers, the Boers raised by taxation hardly more than \$100,000; but the new enterprises were in their eyes a legitimate source of income, and taxes on these were added until the annual income was twenty five millions, ninety-five per cent of which was drawn from the Uitlanders. Under guidance of men imported for that purpose, monopolies on supplies of all kinds were granted, with the result of enhancing the cost of transportation, from the water front to the Transvaal, to double the original cost of the article and its shipment across the water. When the mine owners and merchants essayed to reduce the cost (as they found they could by employing ox teams) a law was passed forbidding this. Boers alone were allowed to serve as jurors in any case, and an Uitlander soon found that 'courts of justice' there were things in name only. The Boer was always in the right. It was to reduce these grievances and to secure something like justice, that the Uitlanders demanded a change in the citizenship laws. It is not and never was true they asked a double citizenship, to retain their English citizenship while acquiring a right in the Transvaal. Their offer was to swear to full allegiance, to assume all the duties when the privileges of citizenship were accorded. Their proposition was, also, not to decrease the number of law makers, but to give them one third of the then number (twenty-four) or eight new members, making a body of thirty-four, a number certainly that in no way menaced the supremacy of the Boers. A single illustration of the difficulties of citizenship was shown by the fact that a child born to an Uitlander in the Transvaal could not become a full 'Burger' until forty years of age, while the son of a Boer had the right to vote and exercise all rights of citizenship at sixteen. Failing to receive any semblance of justice from the Boers, the Uitlanders appealed to Great Britain for intervention in their behalf. Under her treaty with the Transvaal, she had a perfect right to interfere, for the pledge regarding citizenship had been ignored. At this stage of the proceedings the President of Orange Free State, the Atty. Gen. of the Transvaal and the British Representative at Cape Town got together to formulate an adjustment of matters in controversy. Preet. Kruger's ambition has always been to obtain a seaport outlet through Natal to Delagoa bay and this demand, with recognition of entire independence, was what he claimed as the basis of any agreement; for the Transvaal the rights of citizenship on a five-year residence, dating from arrival, representation in the Legislature, English to be taught in schools, etc., were demanded. An accommodation was reached by the commissioners. In transmitting it to England, two of England's conditions were omitted by Kruger's government, and pending a further discussion of the matter, war was declared by the issuance of an order by the Transvaal government for the British to evacuate the territory within forty-eight hours."

This is as briefly and concisely as we can outline an address so crowded with data as to require a verbatim reporting to give entire satisfaction; for every statement he gave his authority and each fact was from a given source, cited

documents and books of acknowledged authority being freely quoted. No conclusions were drawn by the speaker, and no flights of oratory attempted; but it seemed to us that no lawyer arguing from his brief ever made a clearer case than did Prof. Macvane in showing who was responsible for the war now going forward.

## ARLINGTON LOCAL NEWS.

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—Sunday, Feb. 11th, Septuagesima.

—At the meeting of Horticultural Society, last Saturday, Mr. Varnum Frost took first prize for radishes. Messrs. W. Heustis & Son and D. L. Tappan also had fine exhibits which took prizes.

—Miss Ewart's cooking lecture, Saturday morning, ten o'clock, at her cooking room, 647 Mass. avenue, will consist of a dinner lesson, including soup stock, Julienne soup, halibut a la polette, Hollandaise sauce, potato croquettes, nut salad, short cake and black coffee.

—Mr. Joseph W. Whitten's 91st birthday was celebrated by his neighbors and friends of Wolfboro, N. H., on Feb. 1st, by tendering him a surprise party, at his home on Pine Hill, Wolfboro. Mr. Whitten is in excellent spirits and health this winter and the party gave him much gratification for the marks of respect and appreciation which it donated. He was born at Wolfboro, Feb. 1st, 1809.

—Last week, Friday afternoon, the Wide-Awake Land-Hand Club held its meeting with Miss Alice Knowles, of Wyman street. It was the annual business meeting and election of officers. The present officers were elected to serve another year and are as follows: Preet, Miss Grace Parker; vice-president, Mrs. Carlo Fowle; Sec'y, Mrs. R. W. Hilliard; treas., Mrs. W. K. Cook. The club is preparing an entertainment to be given in the near future.

—The regular meeting of the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of the Pleasant street Cong. church, will be held in the church parlor, Monday afternoon, Feb. 12, at four o'clock. This meeting will be in the form of a social, at which Mrs. Geo. Guttererson, of Winchester, will give an informal talk on her personal knowledge of mission work in India. All the ladies of the church are most cordially invited to be present.

—Messrs. Ivers L. and Clarence A. Wetherbee, under the firm name of Wetherbee Bros., successors to S. F. Deane, will open their new store, 480 Mass. avenue, Arlington, Saturday, Feb. 10, where they will show a fine line of 1900 cycles. In connection with the bicycle business, Mr. Ivers L. Wetherbee will do fine watch, clock and jewelry repairing, having been for last five years in the watch and clock department of A. Stowell & Co., Boston, where he has been employed on high grade French, English and German clocks and watches.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Jacobs left town Friday afternoon, the 2d, for an extended southern tour. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Teel, of Medford, which will make a congenial quartet. Mrs. Teel is a sister of Mrs. Jacobs. The trip includes a stop over at Philadelphia, a sojourn of about a week in Washington and a few days at Richmond and Old Point Comfort. From the latter place they go to Jacksonville, Florida, and later to St. Augustine and other points of interest in that state.

—Last Tuesday afternoon a large company of friends gathered at the South Station, Boston, to bid farewell to Mrs. H. B. Emmons and her little son. She started at 3.30, p. m. to join Mr. Emmons, who has been in Denver for the last ten months. Finding the climate very beneficial to his health he has decided to remain for further improvement, therefore Mrs. Emmons' journey thither. She was showered with good things from her friends, and that happiness and success might follow them both was the sincere wish of each and all.

—"The Power that Wins," was the subject of Rev. Dr. Watson's discourse on Sunday evening last, at the Baptist church. Dr. Watson made a fine exposition of this power, which is the dominant one the world over,—love,—taking his text from the well-known words, "We love Him who first loved us." He made a practical application of his theme, and by apt illustration and quotation, showed what a great power underlies this absorbing, and yet regenerating sentiment in its best and purest expression in the human life,—loving our fellowmen with the purpose of doing them good.

—Messrs. W. A. Hodges and George W. Russell were given a sort of double birthday party, Monday evening, at the residence of the latter, on Russell street. Several out of town friends (including Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Porter and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Faunce of Hyde Park) and Arlington friends and neighbors, made up a congenial party. Mr. Hodges is a graphophone enthusiast, having a fine collection of rolls, and this instrument, with its endless variety of vocal and instrumental numbers, violin solos by Mr. Derby, accompanied by Miss Lottie Eastern, and some vocalization by guests present, made a most enjoyable evening for all. The usual refreshments of cake, cream and chocolate was nicely served during the evening.

—The home coming of Supt. Sam'l E. Kimball was recognized by one of those events which make a rare red letter day in life's experiences. The employees of the highway department in his charge, banded together and purchased an elegant gold watch chain, to which was attached a heavy link chain and a handsome Odd Fellows' emblem, and on Friday evening this expensive gift was presented to Supt. Kimball at his home on Davis avenue. Messrs. P. J. Lennon and John Roden were delegated by their companions to make the presentation. That Mr. Kimball was surprised is stating it mildly, as for his pleasure and gratification at the bestowal of such a gift, it proved almost too much for words. The watch bears his monogram and is inscribed—S. E. Kimball, from Employees, Feb. 1, 1900. Mr. Kimball has been wearing a broad smile all the week.

—There are many warm friends who will read with pleasure and offer their congratulations on the happy consummation of a romance which began when the couple were just entering into the fuller experiences of life, but which did not have its realization till Tuesday of this week. On the 6th inst, Miss Clara A., daughter of Mr. Joshua and Mrs. Mary Richardson Caldwell, was married to Mr. N. Dexter Jaquith, son of the late N. Jaquith, a well-known citizen of Winchester in years past. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. E. Elliot, of

Bulfinch Street church, Boston. Miss Caldwell wore a handsome and becoming travelling costume. The bride has resided in Arlington almost continuously since her birth, and it was her father who owned the tract of land on Mass. avenue, now occupied by The Florence and Caldwell apartment houses owned by Mr. Geo. D. Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Jaquith have charmingly fitted up apartments in The Alice, on Medford street, where, without further announcement, they will be glad to see and welcome their friends.

—As is apt to be the case, just as people are getting uneasy and predicting a failure of the local ice crop, then comes the kindly providence with a cold snap and the ice houses on the shores of Spy Pond are filled as if by magic, so quickly, quietly and systematically it is all accomplished. The freeze was sufficient last week to make ice on Spy a thickness of from ten to twelve inches and on Wednesday of last week, Mr. Charles W. Halsey, who cuts in the vicinity of the A. B. C. house and the island, for the Arlington and Belmont trade, had a large gang at work storing his house. On the opposite side of the pond, in the vicinity of the cove, the Messrs. Durgin and their nephew, Mr. J. E. Kimball, were likewise busy superintending the filling of the houses for the Cambridge Ice Co. The cutting and harvesting continued till Sunday evening at five o'clock, when the thaw which set in in the early afternoon began to affect the ice and it was deemed wise to stop. In two hours more Mr. Halsey would have completely filled his house. At that time he had harvested five thousand tons of ice of excellent quality, of a thickness varying between ten and twelve inches. The Cambridge Company, also, very nearly got their full harvest and their ice proved a trifle thicker, some of it being as thick as thirteen inches. The company, up to Sunday evening, had stored seventeen thousand tons, and require four thousand more to make up the full complement.

## Arlington Boat Club Notes.

There was a practice game in the alleys, Saturday evening, with the league team, but otherwise there was no special event to mark the evening. Janitor Monahan prepared a nice lunch which those present partook of about 10 o'clock.

Team four defeated team five in the house tournament games bowled Friday evening, the 2d. Ernest Rankin was high bowler, with 516. The other totals were: Team 4,—Durgin 468, Rankin 516, Brooks 440, Jordan 432, Brockway 434; strings 769, 819, 702—2290. Team 5,—Gorham 481, Gray 481, Winn 455, Wyman 424, Hewitt 356; string 749, 717, 731—2197.

At every point, in the most provoking way, the A. B. C. League team just missed winning from the Old Dorchester, in the game on the latter's alleys, Wednesday evening. Arlington led off in each of the games, setting a fine pace, but at the end luck favored their rivals, in spite of fine work by Rankin, Whittemore and Durgin. The following was the full score:—

OLD DORCHESTER.									
Bowlers,	1	2	3	Tls.	St.	Sp.	M.S.B.		
Parker,	171	196	172	589	10	18	4	3	
Butters,	174	156	161	491	7	14	5	6	
Cutter,	181	179	180	540	9	15	1	5	
Rickardson,	177	170	181	528	10	18	4	8	
Gray,	170	171	173	514	7	16	2	5	
Team totals,	873	872	847	2592	48	71	16	22	

## ARLINGTON BOAT CLUB.

Durgin,	156	177	161	494	8	13	8	6
Marston,	162	167	147	476	6	15	4	5
Rankin,	169	164	190	523	5	19	2	8
Dodge,	189	161	145	495	9	12	3	7
Whittemore,	167	185	165	517	9	14	4	2
Team totals,	843	854	808	2506	37	78	15	25

## Arlington Woman's Club Notes.

The next regular meeting of the Woman's Club will occur on Thursday, Feb. 15, at three o'clock. It will be under the direction of the Art department, and Mrs. Adeline B. Chaffee, of Worcester, will speak on "The Twelve Masterpieces of the World."

Owing to a slight misapprehension the class in sociology was disappointed in not hearing Prof. Cummings on Wednesday. When he adjourned the class at its last meeting he said for two weeks, but the original arrangement was for the second and fourth Wednesdays in the month. Hence, undoubtedly, in examining his calendar, Prof. Cummings found the engagement had been made for next Wednesday, as the month of February came in on a Thursday. Accordingly the class in sociology will meet next Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 14, at 3.30, in Pleasant Hall.

A. Y. M. C. Notes.  
The Rev. S. C. Bushnell and Mr. Harold White were elected to membership on Tuesday evening. Two propositions were received. A very interesting and instructive address on the single tax was given, on Tuesday evening, by the Rev. Joseph Carden, rector of St. John's church, Waltham. Mr. Carden is secretary of the Mass. Single Tax League. Mr. Gardner, of Waltham, also spoke very convincingly. Perhaps the most profitable and entertaining part of the hour was when Mr. Carden submitted himself to a lively catechism by those present. His replies were as satisfactory as they were bright and ready. Next week Mr. H. A. Kidder speaks on the printing and making of newspapers. Other appointments are musical and literary evening by the members, Feb. 20; Mr. Wilson Palmer 27th.

A memorial service to Rev. E. G. Porter will be held in Hancock church, at seven o'clock, next Sunday evening. It is expected that Rev. C. A. Staples, Rev. Dr. Hamlin, Mr. Edwin D. Mead will participate in the services, which will be under the charge of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Carter.

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## ARLINGTON LOCAL ITEMS.

—A splendid beginning has been made for a local collection of antiquities and articles of historic interest by Arlington Historical Society, through its efficient committee, which, by hard work and diligent persistence, has started the nucleus of that which will, in time, if we are not mistaken, prove a large and valuable collection. Arlington is an old place and should furnish a rich field for accumulating such objects and articles. The room in the basement of Robbins Library, generously placed at the disposal of the Historical Society, was formally thrown open for public inspection on Wednesday afternoon. A large glass case is already well filled with rare documents, books, deeds, small articles of various descriptions, while about the room are larger articles. There was a sort of loan exhibit on Wednesday, which added very much to the interest of those who availed themselves of the invitation to be present, and there were, we are happy to note, many, showing that there is an increasing interest in such matters which will be of ultimate value to the Historical Society. Among the many documents now in the possession of the society is a written voting list of the town for the year 1838; private records of Rev. Sam'l Cooke, 1788-1783, first pastor of the First Parish church; a family record on sheep skin; Farmers' Almanac of early publication, etc., etc. The committee which has had the collection and arrangement of the society's property is made up of Mrs. A. T. Whittemore (chairman), Mrs. J. C. Harris, Mrs. Warren A. Peirce, Mrs. George O. Russell and Miss Mary E. Fowle. The committee gave the occasion an air of a social function by making it entirely informal and serving tea and other refreshments in an inviting and hospitable manner. Three tea tables, adorned with flowers and set with the usual dainty furnishings of silver and china, were presided over by Mrs. Geo. O. Russell, Mrs. W. A. Peirce and Miss Florence Harris, assisted in serving by Mrs. Chas. H. Gannett, Miss E. M. Duppee, Miss Hodgdon and the Misses Wellington.

—On Friday morning, Feb. 2d, grades 6, 7 and 8, of Russell school, together with the High school, making a company of three hundred and fifty young people, assembled in Cotting Hall to participate in the exercises consequent on the disposal of the bas-reliefs of the ride of Paul Revere, the one won in a contest by the Russell school, at a recent fair, the other the gift of the Howard W. Spurr Co. to the High. After slugging by the school, Principal Holt voiced the sentiments of the occasion and introduced Mr. Howard W. Spurr, who, in a witty and approp speech, referred to the reliefs and told how they came to be presented. In his remarks he alluded to Mr. Elbridge Henry Goss as the author of a two-volume history of the life of Paul Revere, and introduced this gentleman to speak on this hero in the dramatic episode which heralded the revolution. Mr. Goss spoke at some length, detailing interesting events in the life of Revere, many of them new and not found in current histories, and all making up an entertaining address on an attractive subject. The bas-reliefs are in ivory finish and are spirited panels of generous size, depicting the patriotic and dauntless Revere flying over the old New England great road, on a spirited horse, to bear his word of warning to Hancock and Adams in hiding at Lexington. The panels make a peculiarly appropriate adornment for a school room and both schools highly appreciate the privilege of having them.

—Mrs. Walter Crosby honored Selectman Crosby's birthday, on Monday of this week, by giving a party in which relatives and intimate friends joined, and the evening proved one of unalloyed enjoyment. Their residence, on Lake street, was the scene of the social festivities which marked the occasion, where Mr. Crosby has resided for fifty years. The birthday was remembered by the gift of a handsome easy chair, a beautiful lamp, an ice cream set and a cup and saucer which Mr. Crosby was as greatly pleased over as the more expensive gifts because of love it expressed by the juvenile donors. The spread which was served during the evening was elaborate and delicious in every particular, while the table presented a handsome appearance with its adornment of flowers amid tastefully arranged china and silver. The company present numbered about fifty, including many relatives and friends from out of town; also, Selectman Geo. I. Doe and wife, Selectman and Mrs. Edwin S. Farmer, Rev. S. C. Bushnell and wife, Supt. Kimball and other Arlington friends that have enjoyed a friendship of many years with the hospitable host and hostess, who made the occasion one to be long remembered by the participants.

—Saturday several delegates from the different Land-Hand clubs of this town attended the quarterly convention of this organization, held at the Unitarian church, Winchester. The morning session was given over to the reading of reports from different clubs, with a brief talk by Rev. Mr. Lawrence, the pastor of the church, by way of welcoming the delegates, and also helpful words from Mrs. Whitman, secretary of the main office, and Rev. Edw. Everett Hale, the founder of this grand movement. At the afternoon session the time was devoted to speeches by men prominent in work along these lines of helpfulness. Rev. Dr. Hamlin, of Lexington, being among the number, and who talked with the Arlington question.